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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1949.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949; also included are the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1949.

July 6, 1949.

## *Secretary of the Commonwealth:*

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 22,080 00	
Corporations . . . . .	531,920 26	
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	380 00	
Trade-marks . . . . .	7,875 00	
Sale of Books . . . . .	23,123 57	
Certificates . . . . .	3,358 50	
Military Records . . . . .	39 20	
Copies:		
Corporation . . . . .	\$ 2,992 40	
Archives . . . . .	11,309 20	14,301 60
Advance Sheets . . . . .		2,315 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,292 50
Trust Receipts . . . . .		2,903 00
Liens . . . . .		50 00
Table of Changes . . . . .		28 00
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .		358 15
Total for Year . . . . .		\$615,968 78

## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1949, was 5,053, of which 392 were without fee and 51 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries public . . . . .	4,448
Justices of the peace . . . . .	173
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	5
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court . . . . .	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	2
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts . . . . .	7
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	7
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	4
Trial Justices . . . . .	7
Masters in chancery . . . . .	16
Public administrators . . . . .	26
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	37
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	251
Public Warehousemen . . . . .	24
Medical examiners . . . . .	12
Associate medical examiners . . . . .	13

Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	1
Executive Secretary . . . . .	1
Executive Stenographer . . . . .	1
Chief Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Private Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Special Counsel to the Governor . . . . .	1
Legislative Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Press Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Assistant Secretaries to the Governor . . . . .	4

5,053

Certificates to the number of 8,544 were issued, of which 1,911 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, was 3,440. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business . . . . .	2,987
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	419
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	6
Church . . . . .	13
Credit union . . . . .	14
Gas . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 41,142. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the six classes of corporations mentioned above:	3,440
Certificates of organization of cemeteries . . . . .	5
Business issues . . . . .	830
Business increases . . . . .	366
Business reductions . . . . .	122
Business amendments . . . . .	739
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	53
Religious, charitable, social, etc. amendments . . . . .	32
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	7
Gas and electric pay. cap. . . . .	1
Gas and electric increases . . . . .	7
Gas and electric amendments . . . . .	1
Water company increase . . . . .	1
Water company amendment . . . . .	1
Trust company increases . . . . .	3
Trust company reduction . . . . .	1
Insurance increases . . . . .	5
Insurance reduction . . . . .	1
Insurance amendments . . . . .	2
Co-operative Bank change of location . . . . .	1
Business consolidations . . . . .	6
Business mergers . . . . .	4
Limited partnerships . . . . .	34
Domestic and Foreign conditions . . . . .	29,537
Non-business reports . . . . .	2,517
Foreign increases . . . . .	26
Foreign reductions . . . . .	52
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership . . . . .	4
Statements of Trust Receipts . . . . .	2,903
Statements of Lien upon merchandise . . . . .	50
Trade-marks . . . . .	211
Assignments of trade-marks . . . . .	12
Insignia of labor union . . . . .	2



Description of marks:	
(soda, ale, etc.)	1
Gas and electric, approval of issue, etc.	35
Gas and electric, approval of change of par	1
Water company, approval of issue, etc.	1
Railroad and street railway, approval of issue, etc.	1
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	23
Appointment Administrator Roman Catholic Church	1
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corpora- tions (covering 2,367 corporations)	11
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	2
Certificates of revival of corporations	41
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	47
Certificates relative to adoption of Act	2
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	41,142
Non-business charters withheld	11
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	10
Non-business charters declared void	3
Certified copies supplied	907
Special certificates supplied	453

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1948 were received, and cover 100,434 births and 45,760 marriages, a decrease of 7,830 births and a decrease of 4,197 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1947.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,875 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, an increase of 839 as compared with the returns of 1947.

Medical examiners' returns for 1948 cover 11,736, an increase of 115, as compared with returns for 1947.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1948 number 7,712, a decrease of 2,372 as compared with the returns of 1947.

From July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, 8,886 certificates of births, 2,498 certificates of marriages, and 2,933 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,317 certified copies. Besides these 6,915 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above 6,432 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 55,685 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$7,919.30 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,158.50 was for certified copies of birth, marriage and death records; \$95.00 was for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$665.80 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. \$20,247 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 8,813 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 2,649 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 32 corrections of marriages and 39 corrections of death records also received.

Returns of 4,009 names changed in 1948 as decreed by the several probate courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, there were issued: 27 military certificates, 25 typewritten copies and 41,931 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, veterans discharges, etc.

The following fees were received and paid over to the State Treasurer: military certificates, \$39.20; typewritten copies, \$33.80; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$11,276.40; totalling \$11,349.40.

Two volumes of printed House Journals, as provided under chapter 413 of the Acts of 1920, have been added during the year, making 23 volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1746) that are filed with us.

Fifty-two persons filed notice of their intention to appear before the Parole Board in accordance with sections 166 to 169 of chapter 127 of the General Laws as amended.

Section 152 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as amended, provides for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutations of sentences, together with other documents relating thereto; 123 cases were received and filed in accordance thereto.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians and the public in general. This lack of space has been mentioned in previous reports. The valuable collections of state records in the Archives conservatively estimated at several millions of dollars are not properly housed. It is therefore respectfully requested that preliminary steps be taken toward completion of a new building devoted to the preservation of records. Complete plans for such a building are available at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1949, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 26,383 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-eight reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1948 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,023 copies of the 1948 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 5,050 copies of the General Laws Relating to City Charters, Standard Form Representative Town Meeting Government and Election of Certain City and Town Officers by Proportional Representation or Preferential Voting, 1949; 3,960 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1947; 5,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Corporation Laws; 7,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 620 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Annual Conventions, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1946 and 1947; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1948, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 23, 1746-47; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 24, 1747-48; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1949-50; 10,600 Copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1948; *Massachusetts Reports and Annotations*: 475 copies each of Volumes 321 and 322 of the Massachusetts Reports, total, 950 copies; 9,792 copies of the Annotations on Chapter 175 of the

General Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1947; *Miscellaneous*: 827 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for state officers, etc., 1948; 6,050 copies of Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts, 1948; 478 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1948; 410 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1949-50; 3,000 copies of a Directory of Massachusetts Manufacturers, 1948; making a grand total of 124,603 copies.

Leaflets on the Great Seal of the Commonwealth and Notes on United States Citizenship have also been prepared for general distribution during this fiscal year.

### DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 66, section 1, the Supervisor of Public Records has inspected records of 39 cities and 139 towns as to their care, custody, condition and protection against fire.

With present facilities, due to insufficient personnel and inadequate travel funds, greater coverage is quite impossible. This is to be the subject of a recommendation for legislation.

### *Microfilm and Photostatic Copies*

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1949 makes it obligatory that every register of deeds shall, not later than January 1, 1950, commence the making of microphotographic process copies of all books in his registry in which deeds, certificates of title and other instruments have been recorded or entered prior to the effective date of said act.

Because of the late passage of county budgets, funds are not available for timely compliance. Consequently, legislation is to be sought extending the obligatory date until October 1, 1950.

### *Safes, Vaults, etc.*

Specifications for fireproof safes and vaults have been approved by this department and these specifications may be obtained upon request. During the year new safes have been approved and installed in the homes of three town clerks, and one in the home of another has been suggested.

In one city hall a new vault was installed, and same approved. Also, a new vault was completed in one of the towns but same could not be approved as it had only a four hour door.

Plans have been approved for the installation of several new vaults.

The installation of a six hour door, steel shelving and fire curtains in a town library was approved.

### *Ink, Stamp Pad Ink and Stamp Pads*

Standard ink has been approved by this department. A list of approved brands of stamp pad ink and stamp pads may be obtained upon request to this office.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

The approved list of the various brands of typewriter ribbons submitted by the manufacturers, after being certified by reputable chemists that same have undergone the forty-eight hour "Fade-Ometer" test, has been added to and sent out upon request.

### *Repairing and Binding*

In several cities and towns books have been rebound, and suggestions have been made to have same done in other places.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1948; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1948; Armistice Day, November 11, 1948; Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1948; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1949; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1949; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial



Day, February 15, 1949; Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1949; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1949; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1949; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1949; Flag Day, June 14, 1949 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1949. August 12, 1948 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. 10,500 copies of the proclamation for Arbor and Bird Day, April 29, 1949, were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 3-9, 1948 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 7-13, 1948 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 14, 1949 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation on August 5, 1948, directing the Adjutant General of Massachusetts to maintain a current list of those organized units of the Massachusetts National Guard which have not reached or cannot be maintained at their authorized strengths as designated from time to time by the Adjutant General, and 500 copies were mailed to city and town clerks.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor on August 5, 1948 proclaiming the dates of the first registration under the Selective Service Act of 1948. 1,500 copies were distributed by the Massachusetts State Headquarters for Selective Service and 500 copies were mailed to city and town clerks.

On September 9, 1948, a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands, due to a serious fire hazard existing by reason of extreme drought, and 200 copies were distributed by the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation. A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press on October 13, 1948 reopening all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth, since the serious fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought had been removed by recent rains.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor promulgating the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Articles of Amendments to the Constitution and 200 copies of each were printed and mailed on December 23, 1948 to the justices of the supreme judicial and superior courts, district attorneys, district and municipal courts, clerk of courts for each county, clerk of the supreme judicial court, clerk of the superior court for criminal business and the clerk of the superior court for civil business.

In observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 1-8, 1949, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—National Guard Day, September 16, 1948; Columbus Day, October 12, 1948; Cranberry Week, October 18-23, 1948; United Nations Day, October 24, 1948; Navy Day, October 27, 1948; Printing and Publishing Week, January 17-22, 1949; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1949; Negro History Week, February 6-12, 1949; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1949; National Security Week, February 12-22, 1949; American Legion Membership Week, February 20-26, 1949; World Government Week, March 6-12, 1949; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1949; Boys' Club Week, March 28-April 3, 1949; Month of April, Cancer Control Month; Veterans of Foreign Wars Golden Jubilee Week, April 3-9, 1949; Army Day, April 6, 1949; Pan American Day, April 14, 1949 and Pan American Week, April 10-16, 1949; First Aid Week, the week of April 25, 1949; Child Health Day, May 1, 1949; Orphan Week, May 1-8, 1949; National Music Week, May 1-8, 1949; Newsboys' Week, May 2-7, 1949; TWUA 10th Anniversary Week, May 8-14, 1949; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1949; I am an American Day, May 15, 1949; Unesco Day, May 18, 1949; V. F. W. Buddy Poppy Day,



May 21, 1949; Foot Health Week, May 21-28, 1949; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1949; Jimmy Time, May 29-June 11, 1949; Memorial Day, May 30, 1949; Shut-In's Day, June 5, 1949; Garden Week in Massachusetts, June 14-20, 1949; Emblem Day, June 20, 1949; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1949 and Iron Curtain Refugee Month, the month of June, 1949.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press on June 22, 1949 closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands at 12:01 P.M. on June 22, 1949, due to a serious fire hazard.

#### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 43, of which 38 were full and complete, and 5 issued under parole conditions; commutations, 8; remanders, 1; respites, 12; and discharges from state hospitals, 2; requisitions: upon other States, 82; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition request upon a foreign country, 1; and upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 18.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court (1948), there were 310 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 41 as compared with 1947.

Returns covering 294 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Eleven employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was \$267,630. Of this amount \$44,228 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and \$65,025 unapportioned. Eleven employers stated that they paid nothing.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Three legislative constitutional amendments were submitted to be placed upon the State election ballot in 1948.

For result of vote see P.D. 43.

#### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

##### FOR

—An Act making it unlawful to exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization, and providing a penalty for such exclusion was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act relative to the calling of strikes by labor organizations was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act relative to elections of officers of labor organizations was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act to allow physicians to provide medical contraceptive care to married women for the protection of life or health was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949: Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Welfare; Department of Public Utilities; Department of Public Works; The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; Milk Control Board; Minimum Wage Commission and State Airport Management Board.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

During the past several months a study has been made of the various problems confronting the Office of the State Secretary. This effort has been more intensive due to the knowledge that the 1949 Session of the General Court was enacting a resolve providing for a study of the structure of our State government by a special commission, with a view to eliminating duplication and improving the operations of government. (Chapter 75, Resolves of 1949.)

It is of interest, therefore, to set forth herein a summary of the subject matter considered, with brief reasons for such consideration and to advise that it is the intention of this office to submit recommendations concerning such subject matter to the 1950 Session of the General Court. The more important of these studies were embraced in the subjects listed and commented upon in alphabetical order.

## ARCHIVES

The Archives of the Commonwealth contain treasures of inestimable value. They are bulging at the seams, overcrowded, unsafe, poorly displayed and inadequately protected. A resolve for a study of this problem is to be presented to the General Court.

## COMPILATION OF LAWS

The practice of naming a special commission about every twenty years to recodify the General Laws is cumbersome, extravagant and unsatisfactory. It should be done currently, by a regular organization, with pocket or supplementary annual volumes. This would be economical, up-to-date and much more satisfactory. A division of compilation, with a skilled expert in charge, should be established in this office, which is custodian of all statutory enactments. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be prepared for the 1950 Session.

## CORPORATIONS

There is definite duplication and delay in dealing with the issuance of corporate charters, the filing of corporate records and the administration of the law relative to corporations because of divided control between this office and the Office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. All corporate matters, except those relative to taxation should be administered in the office of record. Proposed legislation to accomplish this purpose will be introduced at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## FEES

The fees received in this office make it self-supporting over a two-year period in any event, but in each election year the extraordinary expense of elections make the expenses exceed receipts in even numbered years. Fees, such as those paid for factors' liens, merchandise liens and the filing of trust receipts are inadequate. The fees for issuance of commissions do not cover the cost of paper work. They have been unchanged for a generation. Legislation to correct this situation and to make this office self-supporting each year will be introduced at the 1950 Session.

## INFORMATION BUREAU

There is no adequate and proper information service available to the public concerning the activities and departments of the Commonwealth. The general public now looks to the Office of the State Secretary for such information service. Without proper organization, which can be accomplished at small cost, the service given is neither complete nor satisfactory. Legislation proposing the establishment of a Bureau of Information in the Office of the Secretary will be introduced at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## MASSACHUSETTS REPORTS

Due to over-production and decreased demand, a stock pile of eighty-five thousand (85,000) copies of Volumes 245 through 323 of the Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court (Massachusetts Reports) has been accumulated in the Office of the Secretary in the last twenty-six years. This stock pile represents an expenditure of about a quarter of a million dollars. Storage is overtaxed and deterioration is certain, unless disposed of soon. A bill to permit sale at less than cost is being presented to the 1950 Session.



## PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for state publications is general and constant. They are, in a broad sense, records of the Commonwealth and should be available here as well as at the office, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, at its document room, every publication of the Commonwealth and should have knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents. To be certain of this, all printing should be routed through this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. The actual placing of printing contracts and purchase of supplies and materials may well be left with the State Purchasing Agent, but beyond that point, divided responsibility should be terminated and printing and distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the secretary, unless otherwise provided". (G. L. C. 5, sec. 1.) In practice, however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations of all departments, boards, offices and other agencies of the Commonwealth are not now available at any central depository. Certain of them to which a penalty is attached are filed at this office. All which have force of law should be available, not only at the particular office having jurisdiction, but at some central agency. The Office of the Secretary is the one logical central agency. This, too, is in compliance with the constitutional requirement that the records of the Commonwealth shall be kept in the Office of the State Secretary. Such rules and regulations are essential records of the Commonwealth and should be on file at this office. Legislation to require filing at this office, before any regulations are effective, will be proposed at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

This office is charged with the supervision of public records by General Laws, chapters 9 and 66. These records, in addition to the records at the State House, cover almost five hundred district, town, city and county installations. This is an important duty. The personnel and travel allowances now available make it almost a mockery. Proper and timely inspection cannot be accomplished without more personnel and more travel funds. A catastrophe could make this a critical situation. Facilities in forty per cent of the locations vary from poor to very unsatisfactory. Legislation to correct this will be sought at the 1950 Session.

## TRADEMARK LAW

The present statutes relative to trademarks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, recission or other disposition of obsolete trademarks. Legislation providing for five-year renewals and permitting cancellation of obsolete marks will clear the records of some forty per cent of the unused trademarks which now clutter the files. A proposed statute based upon the federal law will be presented.

## VARIOUS

Several suggested amendments to correct and clarify existing statutes without materially affecting their substantive contents are being studied and minor amendments to accomplish these changes will be submitted to the General Court at its 1950 Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1948				
July 1	Worcester	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1947, 649 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	May 12, 1948
July 1	Quincy	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1947, 649 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	May 14, 1948
July 6	Medford	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	July 1, 1948
July 28	Marlborough	No loss of pay to employees of town as result of service in the organized militia or in the army of the United States or the naval reserve forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	July 26, 1948
Aug. 17	Worcester	No loss of pay to employees of city as result of service in the organized militia or in the army of the United States or the naval reserve forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Aug. 9, 1948
Sept. 8	Bristol County Commissioners	Appointment of state fire patrol in certain counties, G. L. 48, s. 28A	Accepted	Sept. 7, 1948
Sept. 23	Boston	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty increased, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 21, 1948
Sept. 30	Lawrence	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty increased, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 27, 1948
Oct. 11	Essex County Commissioners	Appointment of state fire patrol in certain counties, G. L. 48, s. 28A	Accepted	Oct. 5, 1948
Oct. 18	North Andover	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1948
Oct. 18	West Springfield	Vacations for members of regular or permanent police and fire forces in towns, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Sept. 9, 1948
Oct. 21	Templeton	Election by ballot of a board of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22-26	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1948
Nov. 8	Chilmark	Vacations to certain employees of the town, G. L. 41, s. 111	Accepted	July 1, 1948
Nov. 8	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Hawley	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Heath	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1938
Nov. 8	Leyden	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	New Braintree	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Oakham	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Pelham	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Rowe	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	West Tisbury	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Auburn	Two platoon system for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Wilmington	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Brookline	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Medford	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Newton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Revere	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948



Nov. 10	Taunton .	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Watertown .	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Winchester .	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 17	Everett .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Oct. 11, 1948
Dec. 6	Somerville .	Lighting in halls in tenement houses, G. L. 144, ss. 60, 61	Accepted	Dec. 2, 1948
Dec. 9	Cambridge .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1948
Dec. 16	Norwood .	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Dec. 13, 1948
Dec. 16	Norwood .	Closing of public offices in towns on Saturdays, 1947, 265 (G. L. 41, s. 110A)	Accepted	Dec. 13, 1948
Dec. 28	Lawrence .	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 28	Worcester .	Smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, ss. 132-136	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1948
Dec. 28	Pittsfield .	Indemnification of officers or employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles or vessels, 1945, 391 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1948
Dec. 30	Springfield .	Work hours of employees of certain cities and towns further regulated, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 30	Springfield .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 31	Pittsfield .	Sick leave for foremen, laborers, workmen or mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1948
1949				
Jan. 4	Everett .	Sick leave for foremen, laborers, workmen or mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1948
Jan. 5	Fall River .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1948
Jan. 11	Arlington .	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Jan. 21	Chelsea .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1949
Feb. 1	Easthampton .	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, towns and fire districts, G. L. 48, s. 59A	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1949
Feb. 17	Somerville .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Feb. 15, 1949
Feb. 17	Lowell .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1949
Feb. 21	Provincetown .	Laying out, use and control of playgrounds and establishment of recreation commission, G. L. 45, s. 14	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1949
Mar. 14	Wenham .	Liens on real estate for the non-payment of water rates and charges, 1941, 380, s. 1 (G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1949
Mar. 14	Falmouth .	Retirement of police and firemen in certain towns, 1946, 576, s. 6 (G. L. 32, s. 85E)	Accepted	Feb. 8, 1949
Mar. 16	Barnstable .	Appointment of inspector of animals by the board of health, 1941, 162 (G. L. 129, s. 15)	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1949
Mar. 17	Amesbury .	Appointment to the regular or permanent fire force in certain towns of certain members of the call force, 1948, 149 (G. L. 48, s. 36A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1949
Mar. 22	Milton .	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 1 (G. L. 136, s. 2)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Mar. 25	Boston .	Vacations for members of regular or permanent police and fire forces in towns and cities, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham .	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham .	Improved method of municipal planning, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, ss. 81K-81U)	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham .	Retirement of police and firemen in certain towns, 1946, 576, s. 6 (G. L. 32, ss. 85E and 85F)	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1949

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Mar. 29	Braintree	Indemnification of officers or employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles or vessels, 1945, 391, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1949
Mar. 29	Braintree	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1949
Apr. 22	Lowell	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1949
May 5	Natick	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 540 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1949
May 6	Worcester	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Apr. 25, 1949
May 6	North Adams	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	May 3, 1949
June 1	New Bedford	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, etc., G. L. 48, s. 59A	Accepted	May 31, 1949
June 8	Medford	Sick leaves for foremen regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	May 31, 1949
June 10	Salem	Pensions for firemen and policemen, 1946, 576, s. 3 (G. L. 32, s. 83A)	Accepted	June 24, 1948
June 24	Everett	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	June 22, 1949

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION		VOTE	
					Yes	No
1948						
July 1	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to pay a sum of money to John Amoroso for medical and hospital expenses incurred by him as a result of injuries which he sustained in the line of duty as a police officer of said city (1948, 172)	May 6, 1948		1	—
July 1	City Clerk, Revere	An Act to authorize the establishment of non-profit corporations to engage in providing homes for veterans (1948, 564)	May 3, 1948		2	—
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing increases in the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain retired employees of the city of Boston and county of Suffolk and their beneficiaries (1948, 301)	May 25, 1948		3	—
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the grading, construction, reconstruction or repair of certain private ways open to the public use in the city of Boston (1948, 206)	May 25, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act establishing the date for the holding of the biennial municipal election in the city of New Bedford (1948, 44)	May 29, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Revere	An Act to facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency (1946, 592)	May 28, 1948		3	—
July 2	Clerk, The City Library Association of Springfield, Springfield	An Act authorizing The City Library Association of Springfield to acquire the assets of and to carry out the purposes of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society and to succeed to the privileges, powers and immunities of said society (1948, 331)	June 8, 1948		4	—
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a forty hour work week for all employees at the Suffolk County house of correction (1948, 406)	June 8, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the payment of pensions to members of the teaching and supervising staff of the public schools of the city of Boston (1948, 602)	June 21, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay a sum of money to Rena A. Kennedy of said city (1948, 218)	June 28, 1948		2	—
July 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Boston (1948, 555)	July 6, 1948		3	—
July 14	Recording Secretary, Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Boston	An Act providing for certain rapid transit improvements in the city of Boston (1948, 622)	July 13, 1948		5	—
July 19	Town Clerk, Charlemon	An Act authorizing the town of Charlemon to borrow money for the construction and furnishing of a school addition and for remodeling an existing school building (1948, 212)	July 13, 1948		80	36
July 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the use of certain land in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston for the purpose of housing for veterans (1948, 633)	July 20, 1948		3	—
July 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to repayment of withdrawn deductions from the teachers' retirement system (1948, 384)	July 20, 1948		3	—



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July 28	City Clerk, Lowell . . . .	An Act to authorize the establishment of non-profit corporations to engage in providing bonuses for veterans (1947, 564)	July 6, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
July 29	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act providing for the maintenance by the youth service board for a limited time of a place or places of custody in the city of Boston (1948, 542)	July 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
July 29	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act increasing the compensation of certain members of the police department of the city of Boston (1948, 408)	July 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 5	City Clerk, Lawrence . . . .	An Act relative to the membership of Abraham Bardwell in the retirement system of the city of Lawrence (1948, 606)	Aug. 2, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Aug. 6	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act to permit the payment of additional compensation to police officers of the city of Boston during assignment as detectives (1948, 604)	Aug. 4, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 10	City Clerk, Lynn . . . .	An Act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Lynn to the widow of Albert H. Pond (1948, 593)	Aug. 3, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Aug. 23	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 17, 1948	— <sup>6</sup>	—
Aug. 30	City Clerk, New Bedford . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 31	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 27, 1948	— <sup>7</sup>	—
Sept. 8	City Clerk, Somerville . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 7, 1948	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Sept. 13	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 10, 1948	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Sept. 16	City Clerk, Cambridge . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 13, 1948	— <sup>8</sup>	—
Sept. 17	City Clerk, Lowell . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 14, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Sept. 21	Deputy Asst. Clerk, Essex County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 15, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Brockton . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 17, 1948	— <sup>9</sup>	—
Sept. 22	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 21, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Springfield . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	— <sup>10</sup>	—

Sept. 22	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay a sum of money to Charles P. Morris of said city (1948, 494)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 27	Asst. City Clerk, Quincy . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Medford . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 21, 1948	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 24, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 29	Secretary, Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital District, Salem . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 15, 1948	- <sup>11</sup>	-
Sept. 29	Town Clerk, Webster . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 27, 1948	- <sup>12</sup>	-
Sept. 30	City Clerk, Lawrence . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 27, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 30	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 28, 1948	- <sup>13</sup>	-
Oct. 1	City Clerk, Lynn . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Oct. 5	City Clerk, Revere . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 28, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Oct. 5	City Clerk, Fall River . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 30, 1948	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Oct. 6	Town Clerk, Easthampton . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Oct. 4, 1948	- <sup>14</sup>	-
Oct. 21	Town Clerk, Templeton . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Templeton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1948, 353)	July 1, 1948	215	153
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act to provide that the school committee of the city of Chelsea shall consist of five members, the mayor, ex officio, and four other members to be elected by and from the voters of said city (1947, 54)	Nov. 2, 1948	8,143	2,672
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of superintendent of streets and sewers of the city of Chelsea under the civil service laws (1948, 192)	Nov. 2, 1948	8,883	2,055
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of city engineer of the city of Chelsea under the civil service laws (1948, 191)	Nov. 2, 1948	9,444	1,806
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chicopee . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to reduce the membership of its board of aldermen and to change the method of electing such aldermen (1948, 315)	Nov. 2, 1948	10,778	6,574
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Fitchburg . . .	An Act establishing the office of water commissioner of the city of Fitchburg and defining his powers and duties (1948, 234)	Nov. 2, 1948	5,724	11,669
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Haverhill . . .	An Act relative to the election and powers and duties of the mayor and aldermen in the city of Haverhill, and relative to the municipal departments and sub-departments of said city (1948, 166)	Nov. 2, 1948	9,892	6,054
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department of the city of Woburn (1948, 661)	Nov. 2, 1948	4,935	3,772
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Canton . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Canton to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, departments and town officers, and authorizing the selectmen to act as said board (1948, 276)	Nov. 2, 1948	1,946	813
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Billerica . . .	An Act relative to the election and terms of office of assessors in the town of Billerica (1948, 346)	Nov. 2, 1948	2,515	843
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Canton . . .	An Act authorizing the election of selectmen for three year terms in the town of Canton (1948, 379)	Nov. 2, 1948	1,737	1,113
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Dedham . . .	An Act relative to voting precincts, the nomination and election of town meeting members, and the reference to the voters of certain votes of representative town meetings in the town of Dedham (1948, 419)	Nov. 2, 1948	4,504	1,223

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Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Lanesborough . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Lanesborough to borrow money for the construction and furnishing of a new school building (1948, 342)	Nov. 2, 1948	535	208
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Melrose . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 1, 1948	1	—
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Oct. 11, 1948	1	—
Nov. 18	Town Clerk, Provincetown . . .	An Act to facilitate absent voting by residents of Massachusetts at any regular biennial state election or at certain regular annual or biennial city or town elections (1948, 477)	Nov. 15, 1948	112	—
Nov. 19	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 18, 1948	114	—
Nov. 26	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act relative to sidewalk assessments in the city of Springfield (1948, 136)	Nov. 23, 1948	2	—
Nov. 26	Clerk, Connecticut Valley Historical Society, Springfield . . .	An Act authorizing the City Library Association of Springfield to acquire the assets of and to carry out the purposes of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society and to succeed to the privileges, powers and immunities of said society (1948, 331)	May 25, 1948	15	—
Dec. 3	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Nov. 29, 1949	12	—
Dec. 3	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 29, 1948	12	—
Dec. 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act providing that police officers of the city of Boston shall be given an additional day off duty or under certain circumstances an additional day's pay when they are required to work on certain legal holidays (1948, 135)	Dec. 8, 1948	2	—
Dec. 16	Town Clerk, Norwood . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Dec. 13, 1948	14	—
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Waltham . . .	An Act increasing the amounts of certain annuities payable by certain cities and towns under special law to the widows of former policemen and firemen (1947, 493)	Dec. 16, 1948	2	—
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of America of certain land in the city of Springfield for use as a post office substation and ceding jurisdiction over such land (1948, 538)	Dec. 27, 1948	2	—



1949	3	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	Com-	An Act authorizing the Plymouth county commissioners to acquire additional land with buildings thereon for the purposes of the registry of deeds at Plymouth in said county (1948, 288)	Dec.	28, 1948	-18	
Jan.	6	City Clerk, Taunton	.	An Act changing the time for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Taunton (1948, 55)	Feb.	17, 1948	2	
Jan.	25	City Clerk, Woburn	.	An Act changing the date for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Woburn (1948, 22)	Mar.	22, 1948	3	
Jan.	25	City Clerk, Woburn	.	An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to pay annuities to the widow and minor child of William F. Kenney, a former police officer of said city (1948, 460)	June	18, 1948	3	
Feb.	4	City Clerk, Boston	.	An Act providing for certain rapid transit improvements in the city of Boston (1948, 622)	Feb.	2, 1949	3	
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Amesbury	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	1,001	3,515
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Andover	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	1,179	4,261
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Billerica	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	968	2,538
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Chelmsford	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	488	3,420
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Dracut	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	534	2,337
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Groveland	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	302	743
Feb.	7	City Clerk, Haverhill	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	3,627	15,385
Feb.	7	City Clerk, Lawrence	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	6,881	25,069
Feb.	7	Chairman, Lowell Election Commission, Lowell	Com-	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	5,087	37,166
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Merrimack	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	422	731
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Methuen	.	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	2,183	7,195

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Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Newbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	415	305
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Newburyport . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	3,170	1,848
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, North Andover . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	587	3,458
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Salisbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	688	318
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Tewksbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	416	1,220
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	189	603
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, West Newbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	340	257
Feb. 28	Town Clerk, Lee . . .	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Feb. 15, 1949	- <sup>14</sup>	-
Mar. 3	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb. 24, 1949	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Mar. 4	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . .	An Act to facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency (1946, 392)	Feb. 28, 1949	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Nahant . . .	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Nahant (1948, 513)	Oct. 23, 1948	518	631
Mar. 10	Deputy Asst. Clerk, Essex County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the use of an expended balance of certain funds for the purpose of erecting additional shop facilities for the farm mechanics division of the Essex County Agricultural School (1949, 29)	Mar. 8, 1949	- <sup>9</sup>	-
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar. 7, 1949	- <sup>14</sup>	-

Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	865	685
Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act further regulating the work hours of employees of certain cities and towns (1948, 657)	Mar.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Wenham	An Act relative to the nomination and appointment of inspectors of animals in cities and towns (1941, 162)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing the appointment to the regular or permanent fire force in certain towns of certain members of the call force (1948, 149)	Feb.	8, 1949	-12	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	1,799	1,368
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Amesbury	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb.	14, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	15, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act increasing annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty (1948, 552)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	23, 1949	-12	-



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Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar. 28, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Mar. 28, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Union Street in the Brighton district of the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1949, 73)	Apr. 5, 1949	—3	—
Apr. 7	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Essex County to erect and equip certain buildings at the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1949, 103)	Apr. 5, 1949	—9	—
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act authorizing the closing of public offices in cities and towns on Saturdays (1947, 265)	Apr. 26, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 14	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present city messenger of Somerville (1949, 116)	Apr. 8, 1949	—1	—
Apr. 15	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act authorizing the installation and operation of parking meters in cities and towns (1947, 442)	Aug. 9, 1948	—14	—
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Myrtle Street in the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1949, 50)	Apr. 13, 1949	—2	—
Apr. 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to relocate certain buildings in the East Boston district of said city and to borrow money outside the debt limit to meet the cost of such relocation (1949, 191)	Apr. 21, 1949	—2	—
May 4	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing a forty hour work week for foremen employed by the city of Lawrence (1949, 101)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the civil service status of egress and zoning inspectors in the building department of the city of Boston (1949, 197)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Boston (1949, 223)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Church Street in the city of Boston from the school department to the public welfare department of said city (194, 159)	May 9, 1949	—2	—
May 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act subjecting the office of supervisor of veterans' graves and registration in the city of Boston to the civil service laws (1949, 245)	May 9, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Lieutenant James F. Flahive, a member of the fire department of said city (1949, 293)	May 16, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the compensation of members of the board of appeal in the city of Boston (1949, 201)	May 16, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Springfield (1949, 130)	May 16, 1949	—2	—

May 25	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of offices of Charles DiCicco, an investigator in the veterans' services department of the city of Somerville (1949, 233)	May	23, 1949	-1	
June 3	City Clerk, Peabody . . .	An Act increasing annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty (1948, 552)	Nov.	9, 1948	-2	
June 6	Clerk, Swansea Water District, Swansea . . .	An Act establishing the Swansea Water District in the town of Swansea (1949, 137)	May	9, 1949	402	139
June 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers employed by the city of Boston and retired under a certain special law (1949, 377)	June	7, 1949	-3	
June 16	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act relative to the retirement of Mary Barrows from service in the Cambridge Police Department (1949, 366)	June	13, 1949	-2	
June 24	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act further providing for the construction by the state department of public works of certain recreation areas in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (1949, 431)	June	23, 1949	-3	
June 24	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to compensation for overtime service in certain cases by police officers of the city of Boston (1949, 426)	June	23, 1949	-3	

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by The City Library Association of Springfield.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the board of trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the trustees of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital District.

<sup>12</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

<sup>14</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the Connecticut Valley Historical Society of Springfield.

